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General Comment

I am a legislative researcher who has worked on mental health insurance parity legislation in the Commonwealth of PA. I have spent 30 plus years working to end all discrimination against those who are stricken with a mental disease.

The regulations you are adopting are to reflect only what the law requires and deviating from the intent of the law undermines our democratic republic.

With that said, my position is that of Mental Health America's. I am not going to restate what they have already stated to you. I ask that you count my comments as those already submitted by MHA.

Please for the public health and safety of our residents in this great country do not water down the anti-discrimination principles that were adopted in law in October 2008.